

Report from Economic Development SPC.

Held on Monday the 14th of December 2020 at 10.00 am, via Zoom call.

PPN Rep: Huw O'Toole

Christine Flood WCC report.

Film Strategy is being developed by WCC using consultants.

Film industry is unique to Wicklow county.

Maritime

RDF funding for Wicklow, Arklow and Bray Ports.

Due decision in Feb 2021. Major change for these ports.

Will show support for infrastructure for ports to support offshore wind development.

Billions in investment and dividend for private and public investment.

Full Maritime Report policy should be review by WPA.

The consultant who works for Electrical generation company carried out the report.

Stated no conflict of interest.

200 had planning. 73 being built in next ten years.

Capacity is 2000.

Interconnector to Wales in progress.

Arrays from Dublin to Wexford.

www.dublinarray.com

A much more detailed presentation of the Wind Generation at next SPC.

Colliers's Weldon Matthar + NI Outdoor and Consark report on Accommodation and tourism in Wicklow in progress.

Draft report presented to strategic parties last week. Failte Ireland. WCC. NPWS. OPW.

The visitor plan is looking at how to encourage more overnight stays in Wicklow. Too much day tripping.

Damage being inflicted to uplands. Redirecting the tourism to a larger base required.

Different accommodation models being considered.

Rathdrum being highlighted as an area of possible concentration of accommodation.

Specialist property consultant considered to be consultants to be appointed.

Being rejected by council as typical response.

CDP has to review and incorporate different types of accommodation.

WCC encourage more accommodation to register with Tourism Ireland. Low level of registration in Wicklow.

Connect up all trails in Wicklow and make comprehensive map and repairs.

Food producers to play a big role in attracting visitors.

Food lab needs to be set up in Wicklow.

Mountains to Sea greenway needs to be a Green Route not Greenway.